

**News-item 'Sewer filth in garb of potable water'**

518. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report "Sewer filth in garb of potable water" published in the Statesman, dated 10th January, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the matter;

(d) if so, the results thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what further steps proposed to be taken to address with problems highlighted in the news-report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that on receipt of information, water supply to the Uttam Nagar area was disconnected and alternative supply was made through tankers. DJB staff was immediately deputed at site. The service connection line of a few consumers which were found damaged was got rectified and the distribution lines in the area were thoroughly flushed and disinfected.

(c) and (d) DJB deputed its Superintending Engineer to inspect the site and inquire into the complaint. It was reported that the problem was confined locally to one street of the colony. The residents informed that Engineering Wing of MCD while constructing the storm-cum-sulage water drain had used a Mechanical Excavator due to which a few of the water service pipes of consumers, which were old and rusted, got disturbed. There was no apparent water leakage on the ground surface. The DJB staff immediately made pits to identify the location of damaged pipes/source of contamination.

(e) The maintenance of individual service pipes from ferule to water meter lies with the consumer. The GI pipes used for this purpose have a life span of 10 to 15 years. DJB has been advising consumers from time to time to replace their damaged/corroded pipes through Press Notification. 7991 notices were given to consumers whose service lines were found passing through drain / sewer, old/rusted or damaged. Consumers replaced 4004 service lines and 3192 of such connections were disconnected. This is a continuous process

and is being followed up regularly. DJB on its part is also replacing its old/corroded distribution pipe lines. A scheme amounting to Rs. 995 lakhs for replacement of 600 Kms. length of such old lines has been approved by DJB to be completed in two years. During the year, a target is to replace 200 Kms. of such lines against which 154 Kms. length has been replaced upto December, 2000.

**Financial assistance to State Governments for urban development**

519. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the financial assistance provided to State Governments for urban development in various cities/towns, State-wise and UT-wise;
- (b) the names of the State Governments which sought special assistance for improvement of cities/towns; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) A Statement is enclosed (*See below*).

(b) and (c) No proposal from the State Governments seeking special assistance for improvement of cities and towns is pending.

**Statement**

*Financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation to States/ Union Territories*

Name of the State/UT	Financial Assistance (Rs. in Crores)
Andhra Pradesh	21436
Arunachal Pradesh	4.60
Assam	25.45
Bihar	2533
Goa	2.42
Gujarat	41.48
Haryana	28.62
Himachal Pradesh	8.39
Jammu & Kashmir	8.87
Karnataka	166.64
Kerala	23.86